



FINE FELLOW. A Bold Swindle Neatly Operated.

\$10 DELIVERED INTO HIS HANDS.

Ordered a Bill of Groceries sent to a City Address, and some Money in Change Also—Took the Cash and Left the Provision—And He Never Came Back.

In tramping now the elders must have put their heads together and composed an encyclopedia through which those wishing to join the order must acquire the rudiments of nefarious tricks, and recent events indicate a number of graduates. Such a student showed himself at W. A. Ehleb's grocery store yesterday afternoon, with the following order: One-half pound best tea, 50 cents worth of loaf sugar, small can black pepper, small can cinnamon, two pounds of raisins, one-half pound can Royal baking powder. On the order was also a request to deliver the goods to 519 Twenty-second street, and to bring \$10 in change to the house. Mr. Ehleb, of course, took the order, and the goods were delivered to the address, and as per request, sent \$10 in change with the clerk—and now he's sorry that he did it.

When the delivery man drove up to the gate on Twenty-second street the gentleman volunteered to take in the groceries, and asked the unsuspecting clerk if he had brought the \$10 change with him. Upon his replying in the affirmative, the recipient then said that to save him the trouble of jumping off the wagon and running in with the articles, he would take them in and bring out the \$10 bill, which his wife had in the house. The clerk let him take the groceries and the money, and in the meantime was tying his horse preparatory to saving his polite customer a few steps, but in this instance the cat didn't come back, and the young man suspecting something wrong, went into the house and asked where his money was. What was his chagrin and surprise then to find that no groceries had been ordered there, and that none of his money was there, either. There were the groceries, the innocent cause of all this trouble, in the basket lying on the sidewalk, but his joblots, who had ordered them, had made himself scarce.

The clerk returned to the store, and there apprised Mr. Ehleb of the facts, but no sign was left to mark the illustrious departure of Weary Woggles, the swindler.

The Same Fellow. The scamp, no doubt, is the same individual who swindled Edward Herbert, the Fifth avenue butcher, out of \$11 Saturday evening, by presenting a check to him with the request that he cash it, it being drawn on the People's National bank, and bearing the signature of J. H. Wilson.

Both men are described as of medium height, dark complexion and moustache, and wearing a dark gray overcoat. Who next?

Deeds of a Madman. A horrible affair is reported from Geneseo, Frederick Hanson, aged 72 years, disappeared from his home at Litchfield, last Friday he was located by his son at Springfield, and was conveyed to Geneseo to stay over Sunday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. M. F. Hart. Monday morning, as his son-in-law was putting on his coat to leave the house, the old man suddenly drew a dirk and plunged it in the young man's back, perforating his lungs. Withdrawing the dirk he struck the old man a fearful blow with it on the back of the neck. At this juncture his daughter appeared, and the madman, for such he undoubtedly had become, attacked her. She made a brave fight, and saved herself from dangerous wounds, but her hands were fearfully lacerated, the skin hanging in shreds from her fingers. Help arrived, and the old man was overpowered and arrested. He has been bound over to the circuit court, and taken to the county jail at Cambridge. Mr. Hart cannot recover.

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Tri-City Dentists. The regular monthly meeting of the Tri-City Dental society was held last evening in the parlors of the Harper house, Dr. W. T. McGill, president, being in the chair. The paper of the evening, a carefully prepared and thoroughly able production, was read by Dr. R. M. Pearce, on the subject, "Calculus, or Dental Tartar." The discussion that followed was led by Dr. C. R. Baker of Davenport. The next meeting will be held in Davenport.

"Rising generation!" said a worn looking mother. "I guess they would not be called so if folks only knew how hard it was to get six children out of bed in the morning."—Boston Commercial Bulletin.

THE HAND OF DEATH.

Patrick Fennell Passes Away—Funeral—Obituary.

Patrick Fennell died this morning at 6 o'clock at his home, 423 Third street, after an illness of four weeks, with pneumonia. He was born in County Clare, Ireland, came to Chicago in 1855, and then to Rock Island in 1858. He was married to Mary H. Kane on June 7. To them were born nine children. He is survived by his wife and eight children: Edward, Joseph, Daniel, Nellie, Eliza, and Mrs. E. C. Shields, of this city; Mrs. Louis Schmitt, of St. Louis; Mrs. J. D. Rutherford, of Chicago. In the death of Mr. Fennell the community loses a good citizen, and the family a kind and indulgent husband and father. After his long years spent in faithfully performing his duties to church and family, he leaves a good example that his children may well emulate.

He has for 18 years held a trust-worthy position with Weyerhaeuser & Denkmann, and was held in high esteem by all who knew him for his industrious and steady habits.

The funeral services will be held at 9 o'clock Saturday morning from St. Joseph's church, Rev. Father Mackin officiating.

The Late Hon. J. H. Murphy. The remains of Hon. J. H. Murphy left Washington yesterday for Davenport. The pall bearers at the capital were Hon. Thomas J. Henderson, M. C., of Illinois; ex-Gov. Gear, M. C., of Iowa; Hon. H. A. Williams, an ex-member of congress from North Carolina; ex-Congressman F. E. White, Hon. Thomas H. Bowman and Hon. Lycurgus Dalton, postmaster of the house. A committee from the press club, of which Mr. Murphy was an honorary member, was also present. The funeral will be held from the Sacred Heart Cathedral, across the river, tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Funeral of C. J. Dart. The funeral of the late C. J. Dart was held from the family home, 716 Twenty-second street, at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Rev. W. S. Marquis, pastor of the Broadway Presbyterian church, officiating. A male quartet rendered a number of appropriate selections. The pall bearers were all from the force of traveling salesmen for the wholesale house of Henry Dart & Sons, and were: Messrs. Ira Karr, O. M. Boyles, George W. Cash, George W. Davis, Henry Burns and A. D. Welch.

Other Obituary. Albinus Brasher died at his home in Milan at 12 o'clock yesterday, of pneumonia, aged 53. He leaves a wife and two children. The funeral will be held at 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at Milan, and will be under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS. Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Education.

The board of education met in regular monthly session last evening, all the members being present, and President Ferguson in the chair. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved. The finance committee was authorized to sell \$5,500 in 5 per cent bonds to replace the bonds maturing this month, and to meet urgent liabilities. On recommendation of the same committee, the following bills were allowed:

Henry Dart & Sons \$ 51
Rock Island Gas Company 1 23
E. Kemp 1 23
C. R. Morgan 62 00
T. J. Hill 51 00
A. D. Young 52 00
H. L. Hill 78 00
Hoye & Cleveland 65 00
J. F. Robinson 7 45
W. A. Guthrie 44 00
J. B. Anthony 1 00
H. F. Wessant & Co. 2 00

The following recommendations of the teachers' committee were approved:

Holiday Vacation. That the usual two weeks holidays be allowed, and that it begin at the end of the present school month; also that W. L. Sweeney be continued transient officer for the remainder of the present school year at the present salary, \$40 per month.

The transient officer's report was received and placed on file. The committee on insurance reported having placed \$12,000 on the new No. 4 building, in the following agencies:

St. Louis, Scot. & Am. and National \$12000
St. Louis, Scot. & Am. 2300
Hays & Co. 2700
A. D. Hill 2000
H. L. Hill 2000
The policies all expire Nov. 15, 1898.

Cold: Night So Far. Last night was the coldest of the season, it being 7 below zero at 2 o'clock this morning, and 1 below at 7 o'clock. The river has now frozen twice for the winter in all probability, and in view of this fact a road is being made between Rock Island and Davenport, and soon the sleighs and foot passengers will begin crossing the Mississippi on the ice bridge.

The indications for today and tomorrow are considerably warmer weather.

Among the Supervisors. At the meeting of the board of supervisors this morning, the matter of putting in a telephone at the poor farm was discussed at some length, after which the matter was referred back to the poor farm committee, to report at the next meeting.

The Drury toll road report came up this morning, and was laid over until this afternoon's meeting. The rest of the morning was taken up with committee work.

The Weather Forecast. Fair today, probably followed to-night or Thursday by snow; warmer; easterly winds. F. J. WALK, Observer.

SOCIETY'S SEASON.

Another Brilliant Event Last Evening.

THE CABLE MANSION THE SCENT.

Second of the Ante-Nuptial Parties in Anticipation of the Chandler-Edson Wedding—Those Present Maj. and Mrs. C. Connelly's Breakfast at Noon Today.

The second of the ante-nuptial informal parties in honor of the bridal party, attendant upon the Chandler-Edson wedding, to occur at Trinity church tomorrow night, was given by Mrs. Ben T. Cable at the Cable mansion on Moline avenue last evening, and informal though it was, it was a most brilliant affair in all details. Mrs. Cable was assisted by Mrs. Judge G. A. Castleman, of St. Louis, in receiving the guests. The table decorations were beautiful and appropriate to the forthcoming event, and the collation was superb. The ring contained in the bridal cake fell to Miss Curtis, one of the coming bridesmaids. There were present besides the hostess, the following, all of which are of the bridal party, except Mr. Patnam, who took the place at the table of one of the out of town members who is expected today:

Misses—Acacia L. de N., Mabel Post (w. w.), Hope Curtis, (St. Louis), Lucia Mackenzie, (Chicago).

Men—Eugene Chandler, Ensign Britain, (U. S. Navy), Nicholas Dunn, (St. Paul), W. C. Patnam, (Chicago), W. D. Chandler, Concord, N. H.

Later in the evening a number of couples arrived in response to invitations, and dancing was taken up as the order of the evening.

Today's Breakfast. At high noon today at their home, 1200 Second avenue, Maj. and Mrs. H. C. Connelly gave a four seasons' breakfast to the Chandler-Edson bridal party, which was elaborate in all its appointments, and in keeping with the other events of a similar nature that have been given the past week.

Arsenal Council at Home. Arsenal Council, No. 171, National Union, celebrated its annual election of officers last evening by a social affair in which the members joined. Caterer Fred Schmidt, assisted by Louis Hritz, spread a fine repast in the dining room, and afterward games and other pastimes were indulged in in the lodge room. The officers elected are:

President—H. A. J. McDonald. Vice-President—F. W. Wiesler. Speaker—W. H. Johnston. Secretary—I. D. Burgh. Financial-Secretary—L. C. Pfah. Treasurer—Horst von Koeckritz. Chaplain—J. H. Reeves. Usher—M. J. Higgins. Sergeant—A. W. Tanner. Doorkeeper—F. C. Hemenway. Trustees—H. D. Mack, T. J. McDill, Jr., W. J. Kahke.

A Surprise. Miss Anna Vogel was very pleasantly surprised last evening at her home, 311 Nineteenth street, by about fifteen of her friends, who came laden with good things, and at about 12 o'clock a most delicious spread was set by the young ladies of the party. The evening was most pleasantly spent in singing, games, etc., and at 1:30 the surprisers dispersed to their various homes, regretting much the flight of time.

An "At Home." Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Rice gave an exceedingly pleasant "at home" party last evening at their home, 710 Seventeenth street. About twelve couples were present, and enjoyed one of the brightest social evenings of the season.

MILAN. MILAN, Dec. 12.—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Alford, on Dec. 4, a son, Weight, nine pounds.

George D. Medill is able to take his place in the store again. Mrs. Joseph Haislip has been quite sick with pneumonia, but is gaining health now.

Do not fail to see the little "Shaking Quakers" and the "Frolic of the Holidays" at the town hall on Thursday evening.

This is pretty wintry weather, considering that yesterday, the 11th, the mercury was very nearly at 50 degrees above zero.

L. L. Wheeler and George T. McGee went hunting last Friday—away into Mercer county. They bagged six quail and four rabbits.

The town hall has been undergoing extensive repairs. The walls have been freshly papered, the wood work painted, new scenery and curtains for the stage, and some other improvements, which will make it very much of an improvement over the way it was.

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Hard and Soft Coal Market. The best in the market and at low prices for December delivery, at M. H. Ellis.

M. & A. Is where they are having the slipper sale.

THE THEATRE.

Walker Whitehead in "Othello" Last Evening.

The gifted young tragedian, Walker Whitehead, presented Shakespeare's wonderful conception, "Othello" to the largest audience of the season at Harper's theatre last evening. If Mr. Whitehead had made friends here and in Davenport on the occasions of previous visits, he strengthened and increased the admiration previously created by this artistic impersonation. The reception accorded him was such a tribute as keen appreciation pays to genius. To the close observer Mr. Whitehead improves at every performance, and affords a steadily convincing proof of the place he is destined to occupy among the foremost of American actors. His characterization of the product of careful study, and the application of histrionic talents. Mr. Whitehead has the advantage of admirable support. John Sturgeon's Iago shared the honors bestowed, while Miss Lelia Wolstan as Desdemona was highly acceptable. The other characters were well taken.

Actors have often had to suffer from the bad taste of friends and patrons, who offer some trifling civilities and expect a gratuitous exhibition in return. Such designs are sometimes pleasantly frustrated, but it is said to the credit of the actor. Gus Heege was recently invited to a dinner, and dining that he had been asked for the special entertainment of the company, this young comedian purposely remained as dull and silent as possible. One of the party finally losing all patience, exclaimed: "Come, Mr. Heege, when do you intend to begin to be comical?" "Gad," said the actor, rising, "I forgot my fool's dress, but I'll go and fetch it if you will be my substitute until I return." This was considered very droll, but Heege never came back." Mr. Heege comes to the Burris tomorrow night in "Yon Yonson."

CATS CAUSE DIVORCE.

An Accumulation of Felines Separate a Couple Married Forty Years.

Cats and clairvoyance are the reasons given by Simon Fritz of 46 Goffe street, New Haven, for separating from his wife. The couple were married in Iowa about 40 years ago. Ten years ago Mrs. Fritz developed a mania for cats. She gathered in and cared for every stray feline she could find. Mr. Fritz tried to escape from them by moving to this city, but she brought a crate of cats with the furniture.

Mr. Fritz is a woodworker. He set up a repairing shop on Winter street, and they lived in the building until the constantly increasing number of cats around the house caused the neighbors to complain, and they moved to Goffe street. Mr. Fritz also has some inventions he is trying to perfect, but the nightly uproar by the cats seldom allowed him to get a night's rest, and he was unable to work effectively.

Then Mrs. Fritz became a trance medium, and her husband says, neglected her household work to delve into the mysteries of the past, present and future. She attracted attention by asserting that Anna Orr, then missing from Bridgeport, was dead in a well. The girl's body has since been found in a well in Fairfield.

Mr. Fritz could stand the fortune telling, but he couldn't stand the cats, and he finally declared that his wife's pets must all go. Mrs. Fritz demurred, but her husband was firm. The cats went, and so did the woman. Now Mr. Fritz declares he will apply for a divorce.—New Haven Cor. New York Press.

Christened in the Ferris Wheel.

One of the last occurrences on the Ferris wheel was the christening of two children of Mr. C. R. Rhodes of Chicago on the last day of the fair. It was done without the knowledge of the company, which steadfastly protested against such notoriety. The mother carried a christening bowl wrapped in paper and her 2-year-old boy. A young woman took up a bottle of water in a shopping bag and bore the 3-month-old girl in her arms, and the officiating reverend gentleman, Dr. D. F. Fox of Chicago, for once discreetly concealed his Bible in his overcoat pocket. Thus they passed the unsuspecting guard. The small boy was christened Harold Wheeler Rhodes as the car reached the top on her first trip. The name of Ferris Rhodes was bestowed upon the girl as the wheel reached the turn on the second trip.—Chicago Letter.

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Christmas Reminders.

Books. Just received and placed on sale at the following prices: Marion Crawford's books 75c each. Ben Hur and Fair God 97c. Scarlet Letter, House of Seven Gables, Drummond's Addresses, all 22c. Uncle Tom's Cabin, 17c. Reveries of a Bachelor, 17c, Dream Life, 17c. 1,000 volumes 12mo fiction, poetry, history, prose, etc., etc. Good cloth binding 8c and 12c. Children's highly colored picture books 2c and up. Juvenile and story books at one-quarter regular price. The largest Unabridged Dictionary in the world for 47c (only one to a customer.)

Dolls. Big dolls, little dolls, sleeping dolls, wideawake dolls, dressed dolls, and dolls half dressed, black dolls, white dolls, dolls at 1c, dolls at 5c, dolls at 25c, dolls at 10c, 12c, 18c, 22c, 25c, 32c, 42c, 50c, 75c, 85c, 91c and \$1.00. The grandest line of dolls we have ever shown. Our money has done wonders, cash is a great lever just now, and we never before got such big value for our money as on the toys and dolls which we shall open up on Monday morning. We can't begin to enumerate nearly a car load was received on Saturday and all go on sale at once as fast as they can be marked.

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